
Notice to Attorneys re Complex Litigation Docket

Superior Court, Civil Division

Effective June 3, 2002, in an effort to intervene earlier in the case progress and to improve the management of complex litigation matters, the procedures established for the Complex Litigation Docket by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator are modified as follows:

- The period of time within which the parties shall submit an objection to a transfer to the Complex Litigation Docket is changed from 20 calendar days to 15 calendar days from the date the order is issued.
- The requirement which provides that the judge determine after a hearing whether a recommendation be made to the Chief Court Administrator to revoke the transfer order of the matter to the Complex Litigation Docket is rescinded.

Therefore, in addition to Connecticut Practice Book Sections 23-13 through 23-15, counsel and pro se parties of record should adhere to the following:

A case will be considered for the Complex Litigation Docket if a judge, or a party, at any time in the proceedings, requests that the matter be designated as a complex litigation case. Parties requesting that a case be placed on the Complex Litigation Docket should file an *Application for Case Referral - Complex Litigation Docket (CLD)* form, JD-CV-39. If the Chief Administrative Judge of the Civil Division orders that a case be designated as a complex litigation case and that it be transferred to the Complex Litigation Docket, the parties shall have 15 calendar days to submit an objection from the date the order is issued. Any party objecting to the transfer shall file such objection, which shall be titled "Objection to Transfer to the Complex Litigation Docket." This objection is to be filed with the respective Complex Litigation Docket court location. Such objection will be scheduled for a hearing. The Chief Administrative Judge of the Civil Division shall retain the right to determine whether any case initially qualified as complex litigation should retain such designation.

The Complex Litigation Docket manages cases involving multiple litigants, legally intricate issues, lengthy trials or claims for damages that could total millions of dollars. An individual calendar method of case management is employed; that is, an individual

judge presides over all aspects of the litigation. Complex Litigation Docket cases are subject to all existing Connecticut Practice Book rules.

Complex Litigation Dockets are available in five court locations: New Britain, Norwich, Stamford, Tolland, and Waterbury.

Application forms are available at every Judicial District Clerk's Office.

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